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SUBJECT: ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY RECESSES FOLLOWING STUDENT
CONFRONTATION

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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING BLOODSHED AT ISLANBUL TECHNICAL
UNIVERSITY (ITU) NOV. 5, ITU GOVERNING BOARD DECIDED TO
RECESS CLASSES FOR 12 DAYS IN ORDER SEEK MEANS IMPROVING
SECURITY FOR STUDENTS. END SUMMARY

1. ISTANBUL TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY (ITU) WAS SCENE OF CAMPUS
VIOLENCE ON NOV 5. AS STUDENT CLASHES LEFT ONE STUDENT DEAD
AND SEVERAL OTHER WITH SERIOUS WOUNDS. POST'S CULTURAL
AFFAIRS OFFICER WAS MAKING COURTEST CALL ON ITU RECTOR
KEMAL KAFALI WHEN SOUND OF GUNFIRE WAS HEARD IN HALL OUTSIDE
OFFICE. RECTOR INVESTIGATED, AND RETURNED WITH A
HANDFUL OF NINE MM. PISTOL SHELLS. NO INDICATION OF WHICH
FACTION HAD FIRED SHOTS. CAO HAD TO REMAIN WITH RECTOR UNTIL
POLICE DECLARED AREA SAFE.

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2. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT GROUP OF STUDENTS ENTERED ITU

ARCHITECTURE AND ENGINEERING FACULTY BUILDING (WHERE RECTOR'S OFFICE LOCATED) AND SOUGHT TO FORCE RIVAL GROUP TO PARTICIPATE IN A "FORUM". GROUP'S RESISTANCE LED TO VIOLENT ENCOUNTER IN CORRIDOR, INVOLVING PISTOLS, CLUBS AND KNIVES. POLICE INTERVENTION BROKE UP CONFRONTATION. LATER THERE WERE STUDENT-POLICE CLASHES AT ITU'S MACKA MINING FACULTY BUILDING, WHEN POLICE SEARCHED STUDENTS AND CLASSROOMS FOR WEAPONS.

3. AS RESULT OF INCIDENT, ITU GOVERNING BOARD HAS RECESSED CLASSES UNTIL NOV. 17 IN EFFORT TO IMPROVE SECURITY SITUATION OF UNIVERSITY. IT IS LIKELY THAT IN THIS PERIOD POLICE WILL STATION REINFORCEMENT AT ITU'S CAMPUS BELOW HILTON HOTEL -- AS THEY WERE FORCED TO DO DURING SPRING 1975 CAMPUS DISTURBANCES.
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